

REMARKS

Claims 14-22 and 35-49 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 8-13 and 29-34 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Further, claims 14-22 are amended and claims 35-49 are added. Support for new claims 35-49 can be found in the specification and the Figures, for example, see Figures 11-14. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. **35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

A. Claims 14-22 (Amemiya et al.)

The Office Action rejects claims 14-22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Amemiya et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,742,122) (hereinafter Amemiya). Since Amemiya fails to disclose or suggest all the features of the claims, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant respectfully submits that Amemiya appears to disclose, as illustrated in Figure 2, a plasma display panel which includes a front side plate 1 with transparent electrodes S, metallic bus electrodes SA, a dielectric layer 23 so as to cover the electrodes S and SA and a MgO layer 24. See column 5, lines 18-20. However, Amemiya fails to disclose or suggest, as recited in claim 14, at least the feature of each groove being centrally located between two adjacent barriers. Rather, portions of the dielectric layer 23 of Amemiya are located above barrier ribs 31 rather than between barriers as claimed.

For these reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 14 is allowable. Claims 15-22 depend from claim 14, and are allowable for at least the same reasons, as well as their added features and the combinations thereof. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

B. Claims 19-21 (Amemiya et al. in view of Ha et al.)

The Office Action rejects claims 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Amemiya et al. in view of Ha et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,433,477) (hereinafter Ha). Since Ha and the claimed invention were at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation or assignment to the same person, Ha is not prior art under 35 U.S.C. §103(c). Therefore, the rejection of claims 19-21 including the Ha reference is moot. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

II. New claims

By this amendment, claims 35-49 are added to the application. Claims 35-49 broadly recite features of the preferred embodiment(s). It is respectfully submitted that the new claims are allowable over the references of record for at least the reasons discussed above in connection with claims 14-22.

III. **Election/Restriction**

The Office Action stated that Applicants' election with traverse of Group 2 was not found persuasive. However, merely for purposes of expediting the prosecution of this application, Applicant has cancelled claims 8-13 and 29-34. Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **Laura L. Lee**, at the telephone number listed below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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